The Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is applicable to all establishments, employing 20 or more persons and engaged in any of the industries specified in Schedule-I to the Act or class of establishments notified by the Government.

Express lane on NH-9

*444. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY. Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation has been received to take up expeditious completion of the four lane express way on NH-9 from Hyderabad to Vijayawada which is vital from business and commercial point of view; and

(b)if so, the action proposed to complete the project early to avoid 30 to 40 accidents taking place daily due to heavy traffic?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present status of four laning of NH-9 between Hyderabad and Vijayawada is as under:

Stretch	Status
Km. 0/0-22/0 Km.	4-laned
22/0-41/0 Km.	Work of 4-laning in progress
217/0-265/0	4-laned

Four laning of remaining stretch from km. 41/0 to 217/0 could be taken up in phased manner, depending upon availability of resources and *inter-sepriority* of other projects and viability of four-laning on Build Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis.

Civil Services Reforms

*445. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Civil Services Reforms headed by Shri P.C. Hota has submitted its report to the Union Cabinet Secretary on the 30th July, 2004;